Preliminary Amendment dated September 26, 2005 USE OF FGF-18 PROTEIN, TARGET PROTEINS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE ENCODING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES TO INDUCE CARTILAGE FORMATION

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following new paragraph prior to paragraph [0001]:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/US2004/009264, filed March 26, 2004, which claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/458,224, filed March 27, 2003.